



## King George County

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### **King George County and Atlantic Broadband Awarded CARES Funding for 11 Households**

**KING GEORGE, VA. (November 30, 2020).** King George County has been awarded funding pursuant to the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) in the amount of \$25,707 for the Atlantic Broadband Fiber Project. This project will provide internet service to 11 households located throughout King George County.

This award is a part of Governor Northam's \$30 million CARES Act allocation to the Commonwealth Connect Fast Track Broadband initiative, announced in October. Projects awarded must be able to be completed by the deadline of December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

As a result of this award, Atlantic Broadband will now provide much needed internet service to over 44 King George residents, 17 of which are school aged children. "This is a great example of private industry and government collaborating to solve problems. Providing internet service in rural areas can be challenging, which is why it's important to build public-private partnerships to address these issues," said Bill Newborg (Atlantic Broadband's Director of Grants and Funding).

In October, King George County reached out to Atlantic Broadband and asked if they would be interested in partnering on an application for funding, which they agreed. Together the County and Atlantic Broadband were able to identify 11 households that were eligible and could have their existing hybrid-fiber coax (HFC) installation completed by the Governor's timeline of December 25<sup>th</sup>.

"COVID-19 has highlighted the ever-increasing need for broadband connectivity in the County. Connectivity is not just about entertainment, it's about having access to distance-learning, telemedicine, and tele-working. We thank the Governor and his broadband team for affording us an opportunity to provide broadband to our residents," said Cathy Binder, King George County Board of Supervisors.